

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 452  
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of the deceased gospel singers and recognize the illustrious careers of the pioneering quartet groups and singers to be celebrated at the Gospel Quartet Convention in Clarksville.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor and salute those artists who, through their extraordinary talents, have brought and continue to bring great renown to the State of Tennessee and its musical traditions; and

WHEREAS, the pioneering quartet groups and individuals and the deceased gospel singers to be celebrated at the Gospel Quartet Convention in Clarksville are outstanding artists who have shared their tremendous talents in the glory and praise of God through song; and

WHEREAS, the Gospel Quartet Convention to be held in Clarksville will bring together gospel quartets and singers in the State of Tennessee to perform songs of praise and to honor the many deceased gospel performers and ground-breaking gospel quartets and individuals who opened the doors of opportunity for the artists who have followed in their footsteps; and

WHEREAS, among the deceased gospel singers to be honored are: Roy Lee Dickson, Eulus Pettus, Will Pettus, G.W. Pettus, Leroy Burgess, James Howard Brewer, Paul Quales, Otis Martin, Samuel Hooker, Hybernian Williams, Mr. Roberts, Francis Cooksey, Wallace Robertson, Kelly Green, George Bowen, Jessie Galbreath, Lawrence Laremore, Albert Collier, Earl Williams, Brother Bender, Warfield Davie, Scott Barker, Joe Tramil, Dave Northington, Homer Allen, Charlie Pettus, David Denton, Bobby Trotter, Rev. Scott, Steve Pettus, and Scott Barker; and

WHEREAS, the Convention will further honor the pioneering gospel quartet groups of the past, present, and future; among these groups are the Cheribum Singers, the United Gospel Singers, the Old Homesteaders, the Queen City Singers, the Foston Sisters, the Trotter Family, the Sons of Glory, the Southern Sons, and the Gospel Harmonizers; and

WHEREAS, the Convention will also salute gospel performers who are still singing to the glory of God, including: Lena Mallory, Ida Bowen, Ruby Kilgore, Virginia Martin Hatcher, C. Teasley, Shirley Cohen, Pete Garrett, James Brigham, Alvin Oldham, Hyburnian Williams, Hezekiah Overton, Steve Bowen, Steve Pettus, Clarence "Smoky" Smith, Rufus Williams, Ereenstine Dowlen, Kathy Walker, Charles K. Long, Henry Wimberly, Velma "ReeRee" Darden, Peggy Gibbs, and Mary Dunbar; and

WHEREAS, additional gospel artists to be honored are Gloria Hall, Joe Babb, Raleigh Jones, Vernon Hooks, Henry Gilliam, Earl Darden, Edward McClain, Wisdom Bowers, Troy Wilson, John Williams, Sweetmeat Williams, Ike Richardson, Herbert Galbreath, Leonard Holmes, Joe Lewis Dixon, John Gapper, Daniel Lee Dixon, Henry Gillam, Howard Gillam, and Vernon Gillam; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pause to recognize the bountiful talents and good works of these exceptional performers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we hereby honor the memory of the many deceased gospel performers and pay tribute to the pioneering work of past, present, and future gospel quartets, groups, and performers, reflecting fondly upon their tremendous service in the glory and praise of God through song.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we salute the Gospel Quartet Convention of Clarksville as it pays further tribute to these talented performers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.